

## PATENT

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IN RE APPLICATION OF : Albert James Yovichin, Daniel Ray Downing,  
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FOR : **HOT FORMING SYSTEM TO PRODUCE  
PRE-CURED INNERLINERS**

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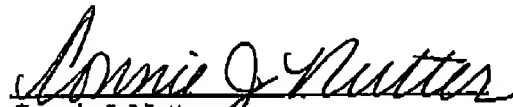
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Dear Sir:

I, Patrick C. Lublin, declare as follows:

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1. My name is Patrick C. Lublin.
2. I have been an employee of Brouse McDowell for three (3) years.
3. For the past two and one-half (2 ½) years, I have held the position of Director of Information Systems.
4. Our docketing system for intellectual property matters is based entirely on a Microsoft Access database, which runs on our internal computer network. On December 16, 2003, the server housing the database experienced a critical failure. This failure required that the entire machine be rebuilt, and all data restored from tape backups. Most of the data were restored, but certain files had to be restored to a previous point in time. One of these files was our IP docketing database, which could only be retrieved from a backup that was two weeks old. Hence, in the ensuing weeks, many docketed items were missed due to the incomplete, recovered docketing database.
5. I further declare that the statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 in the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing therefrom.

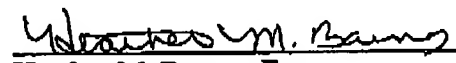
  
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